

EDITORIALS

AMAZING COINCIDENCE

The Texas Observer has published something on the assassination of President John Kennedy after an unexplained silence for a number of years.

It is unfortunate they chose to publish on Charles Givens. Givens was not important enough to be among the 90 witnesses whose testimony was taken in Dallas and flown directly to Washington where in many cases the witness testimony was fundamentally altered without the permission or knowledge of the witness.

In answer to Sylvia Meagher, attorney David Belin, relies heavily on the testimony of: "Mr. Brewer (Johnny Calvin) was the assistant manager of a shoe store located near the Texas Theatre in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas. He became suspicious of the way Oswald ducked into his store early in the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963, when police sirens were heard coming down the street. After the police sirens subsided, Oswald left the front of the shoe store and Brewer followed him into the Texas Theatre and then had the theatre cashier call the police. When they arrived at the theatre, Brewer pointed out Oswald, who pulled out a revolver which he had in his possession as the police approached him."

Unrecorded by Brewer or Belin is the fact that a close friend to Jack Ruby, Tommy Rowe, worked at the shoe store. Rowe told relatives that he, not Brewer, pointed out Oswald. Rowe was so close to Ruby that Rowe moved into Ruby's South Ewing apartment when Ruby went to jail.

In view of Rose Cherami's statement that Ruby and Oswald were "bedmates", (FGM Vol. II, P.22) one wonders now if the bed might have been triple size.

Some will call this just "another amazing coincidence," but I am up to my arm pits in "amazing coincidences." I prefer to call it "leaving no stone unturned."

JUST ANOTHER AMAZING COINCIDENCE

On page 85 of "Death of a President" William Manchester wrote: "On the spur of the moment the Vice President decided that he wanted more company on the rest of the trip. Valenti, who was still hanging around, was drafted. He thrust his car keys at his wife and left her frowning on the sidewalk; . . ." Of course as it turned out Johnson needed lots of help while leaving Dallas.

It is, I am sure another amazing coincidence, but we have it on very reliable authority that Valenti told close friends, two weeks before the assassination, that he was moving to Washington.